



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Masahiko Sisido et al.

Application No.: 10/527,156

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Art Unit: 1635

For: METHOD OF AMINOACYLATING tRNA

Examiner: Dana H. Shin

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 1, 2006, Applicant hereby provisionally elects with traverse Group II, claim 12-15 and 17-21, for continued examination.

Please note that Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims. Applicant also reserves the right to rejoin any applicable non-elected claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims is sufficiently related to a single general inventive concept based on common special technical features as admitted by the Examiner, by stating that "the special technical feature of the claimed invention in claim 2 is an aminoacylation method wherein a tRNA and an amino acid are brought close to each other to react with each other." Further, a thorough search of the subject matter of any one group of claims would necessarily encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP 803 which is stated that "if the search and examination of an

entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims that are distinct or independent inventions" (emphasis added).

It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply to the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and the duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Dated: September 29, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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